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Dear Sonny:

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I sent to Cum a week ago. Up to now I have had no answer. I did think I would get better treatment than this. You know baseball plans have to be made in advance. Please try and get Cum or See to write me something. I am not as much concerned with making the money that would be in a playoff, as I am having the baseball look like it is trying to get organized. The fans have certainly supported us good enough this year to have us act half way right, and give them some sort of a playoff even if it is only three games.

I was talking to Gottlieb this morning, and he told me The Grays and Yankees played a game in Washington last night, and made it a league game. You know this is not right, and The Grays only arranged it to play a weak team. I cant understand why you all would mind us winning this half. You have already won the first one. We had agreed at the league meeting, that no games could be added or subtracted at the teams pleasure. If this is permitted there will be nothing to prevent two teams from getting together anytime to boost their average. Lots of the members of our baseball would love to see bad blood develop between The Eagles and The Grays and would do anything to help cause it. Then too you know there is the group that do not want the baseball to get organized, and handled like a business should be. It certainly will not make things look good to say The Grays stuck in a game with the weakest team in the league, at the end of the season in order to boost their average. Then too there will be some people will say The Grays were afraid of a series with The Eagles. If we do win this half, and The Grays had in mind going west with some team they can make money with, we could still get in a night in Philly, the 12th in Washington, and a game in Pittsburg, maybe a night. You could spare these three days, and still barnstorm with some team until October if you wanted too. Please answer me one way or the other, so I will know what to plan.

Very Truly Yours